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ISSUE	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	TIME	DATE	DURATION
Employment, Jobs, Under- Employment & Business	Inmates Save Jobs	An area jail has turned on the vacancy sign for prisons looking to reduce overcrowding. The Bedford County Jail accepted in from Huntingdon County for \$4 day per inmate. Indiana County also looking to move inmates. reason for the swap is to recove of the \$500,000 that will be lost the State Department of Correct removes 26 female inmates nex month. Earlier this month Sher Gordon Diehl said this and futu moves would have meant closin cells and laying off cops.	6pm mates 1 a v is The r some after tions t iff	3/28/00	
	JAC Layoffs	The president of Johnstown America Corporation says he'll lay off workers if the railcar business doesn't pick up soon. JAC builds coal cars and flat-be cars used to haul automobiles. The company employes 13-hur But President John Carroll says workers could be laid off by Ju Carroll says railroads are becommore efficient and are ordering fewer new cars.	ed adred. s most ne. ming	3/7/00 1	:20
	Job Centers	Pennsylvania continues to shut Job Center offices statewide. Centre County are among the I targeted for closing. The job on Hamilton Avenue, along win Philipsburg, will be closing end of year. But it's not due to unemployment, and less peopl looking for jobs. State official the unemployment forms ad of information can be handled the internet or with a phone service.	Two in atest office ith one by the olow e is say ther rough the		/25/00 1:45

Changing Hands An area power plant is trading hands 6pm 2/21/00 1:15 once again. Sithe Energies, the New York-based company that bought portions of GPU just over a year ago, is selling area power plants and its regional operations center in Johnstown. The company hasn't taken a detailed look at staffing, but they don't expect many job losses. The deal affects a total of more than 1100 employees overall, including 150 workers in our area.

Mining Jobs

An attempt to save mining jobs that 6pm 2/15/00 1:10 Could be in jeopardy brought U.S. Senator Rick Santorum to Somerset County. He says a three-year phase of the Clean Air Act could eliminate hundreds of mining jobs in Somerset and Cambria Counties alone.

More Jobs

Manufacturer Martin-Baker of 5pm 2/11/00 1:10 Middlesex, England plans to set up shop in Cambria County by the end of May. And that means more jobs for the region. Martin-Baker's been looking for space for some time in Pennsylvania, and Johnstown's business leaders have spent the past eight months providding the Brits with extensive market information.

The plant will create 25 new jobs by year's end. Some of the workers will need college degrees and some will need technical training.

Rehab Proposal The proposal to bring another drug 6pm 2/4/00 1:20 rehab to our region is being met with opposition. While the idea of new jobs is appealing, residents in the area where the new facility would be built are concerned about the kind of people the center will attract. Discovery House runs methadone clinics all over the nation, primarily to treat heorin and pain killer addicts. Recent reports indicate similar centers have a large number of clients who test positive for H-I-V and Hepatitis.

Red Cross Workers

Striking American Red Cross workers 6pm 2/4/00 1:10 are going back to the bargaining table. Several locals have met with just over 80 members of S-E-I-U 1199 in West Virginia. They have been on strike since their contract expired last December. They have been trying to drum up additional support from other areas.

Huge Fire Hits Business

5pm 2/1/00 1:10 State Police say at least two people were hurt when an explosion and fire ripped through a Clearfield County business early this morning. The Appalachian Wood Company in Lawrence Township was the seen and it's not known how long the business and its employees will be affected.

Rolling Rock To Double Production

6pm 2/1/00 1:15 The maker of Rolling Rock beer is planning to double its production capacity of a particular packaging line. Increased efficiency on the production line will mean layoffs for some employees, but how many will depend on production volume and attrition rates. Two hundred of the 240 people employed by the company are members of the International Union of Electronic Workers.

Altoona Rail Workers Await Word Employees of the Altoona operation 6pm 1/31/00 1:20 of the Norfolk Southern Railroad are anxiously waiting to find out if they'll be part of a massive layoff ordered by the company. The railroad company says it will furlough 550 union workers by the end of the week. It blames the layoffs on falling revenues, high diesel prices and a weak market for coal exports.

Development

Johnstown Re- The Lieutenant Governor visited the 6pm 1/28/00 1:10 friendly city today to present a state grant. The money is supposed to boost the re-development of Johnstown. The check is in the amount of \$1.3 million. The city will use over half the funding to renovate the Cambria

Iron Works, with hopes that new businesses will center their operations our of the former Bethlehem Steel plant.

Growth in Blair County

A long awaited construction project 6pm 1/27/00 1:10 abandoned in the late 80's may soon be a reality in Blair County. A press conference today announced new developments in the Logan Town Center project. Construction is expected to begin in the spring. They say the project will create 5,000 jobs for the region.

PA Jobs Report Weekly listings of job opportunities ROS:20,:30,:40,:50,:60 available within the 11-county viewing area of WJAC-TV. The lists are provided by the county Offices of Economic Securities. The listings include skilled and unskilled positions.

Weather/ Water Spring Storm Hits Region A powerful spring storm dumped 6pm 3/21/00 1:20 much-needed rain across Centre
County and much of the region. But the same system also dumped up to
10 inches of snow on Someset County. dozens of accidents were reported in the area. The weather is expected to be more spring-like by the end of the week.

Flooding

Flooding in parts of Pittsburgh has 6pm 2/21/00 1:15 reminded area residents of the Bedford county community of Hyndman that spring construction of the Wills Creek levee is soon to begin. The levee will greatly aid the community, not only in flood control but also in water management. Melting snows have already caused streams in the area to rise.

More Ice & Snow

Several inches of snow have fallen 6pm 2/18/00 1:30 on the area, but the greatest mess has been caused by the sleet and freezing rain. Hazardous conditions for

power lines and roadways exist for most of the remainder of tonight. In addition, more of the same is expected into the wee hours of tomorrow.

Killer Cold

The harsh weather has claimed the 5pm 2/3/00 1:10 life of an area man who went to look for his dog. The man was discovered frozen in his back yard. He had apparently gone out the night before to look for his dog.

Phil Says More Winter Ahead

Pennsylvania's most famous 6pm 2/2/00 1:15 weather prognosticator saw his shadow this morning and that can mean only one thing, six more weeks of winter. About 9,000 people braved the cold to see Punxsutawney Phil emerge from his home to see his shadow and promptly return inside.

Storm Hammers Region

6pm 1/31/00 1:15 A storm has dumped up to 10 inches of snow causing dozens of school and business cancellations. State College borough declared a state of emergency, allowing road crews to clear boro streets more efficiently.

Winter Blast

The region has been hit by a one- 5pm 1/21/00 1:20 two punch as heavy snow and bitter cold have come to town. In some of the higher elevations, as much as one foot of snow has fallen. It will be good for area recreational businesses and for springs and streams later this spring.

Storm

Rare Lightning Lightning struck an area business 6pm 1/12/00 1:10 today as part of an unusual storm that moved through the region. Johnstown firefighters say a bolt of lightning caused bricks to fall from the old Acme Bakery building. Some power lines were

affected but no one was hurt.

Medicine

Embattled **Doctor Loses** License

Popular pediatrician Dr. Jack Barto 5pm 3/23/00 1:15 is no longer a licensed physician. His appeal was denied by a state board after a state hearing officer determined the Richland doctor had sexually abused two patients. Barto vigorously has denied the allegations and has already filed another appeal. He thanked those who have supported him during the ordeal.

Red Cross Needs Helpers

The Bedford chapter of the Am Red 6pm 3/23/00 1:00 Cross is looking men and women who can help as volunteers. The chapter recently moved and many of the volunteers, at the previous location, would walk to work. Unless new volunteers can be located, the chapter will be forced to scale back some of its programs.

Cervical Cancer Campaign The Governor has announced a new 6pm 3/13/00 1:10 ad campaign encouraging women to get regular screenings for cervical cancer. The TV ads, featuring women of all ages and races...many from PA...emphasizes that cancer does not discriminate. The Governor says the cancer can be beat. Last year, 241 Commonwealth women died of the disease.

Jefferson County Teen Mourned

5pm 3/6/00 1:15 A teenager, featured on a "Breast Friends" segment died this morning. The 16-year-old lost her battle with cancer, but friends and relatives are remembering her as a cheerful, determined person.

Patients

Mental Health There's a scramble to relocate a 6pm 2/18/00 1:20 large number of Centre County mental health patients after a change in ownership at the Cove Forge Treatment Center. The former owner has gone bankrupt. The owners served termination of treatment notices to over 400 patients...which represents over

one-half of the county's mental health population.

Children Fight for Four children seriously hurt in an 5pm 2/15/00 1:00 accident are not out of danger yet.

Fight for Recovery

The children were thrown from their family's van went out of control, on an icy bridge, hitting a pick-up truck. The children were thrown from the vehicle and landed on a bridge.

Med Star Anniversary This year marks a special anniversary 6pm 2/8/00 1:10 for a life-saving service at one area hospital. The crew of Conemaugh's Medstar helicopter have responded to over 6,000 emergencies in the 10 years they've been operating. Medstar has a crew of 22 pilots, paramedics and nurses and responds to 11 counties in West-Central Pennsylvania.

Life Support Unit An advanced life support unit will 6pm 2/4/00 1:10 continue to operate in Bedford County for at least another three months.

Officials at Conemaugh's Windber Medical Center have decided to maintain the advanced life support unit based in Pleasantville for a few months until a final decision is made about what to do with it. It is expensive to maintain, yet over 2,000 residents signed a petition to keep the unit in place.

Ads Against Giving Blood A radio ad asking people to stop 5pm 1/19/00 1:15 giving blood is causing quite a flood of outrage in the area. Since December, striking red cross workers from West Virginia have picketed in Johnstown. Now, the members are flooding the airwaves asking people to support their strike by not donating blood to the facility.

Tractor Danger A five-year-old Bedford County girl 6pm 1/17/00 1:00 is still in critical condition after losing her arm in a tractor accident. Officials say the arm got caught in the power

take off shaft. It provides power for equipment that connects to the tractor.

Travel/Roads Haws Pike

Mudslide

A section of Route 56, commonly 5pm 3/22/00 1:30 known as the Haws Pike, was closed to traffic after a mudslide. The affected area was in Westmoreland County, just over the Cambria County line. PennDot crews spent most of the day trying to clear mud from the highway after heavy rains caused aa slide from the surrounding mountainside.

Route 271 Closed

Route 271 from just past the Somerset 6pm 3/21/00 1:20 County line was closed into suburban Johnstown because a coal truck skidded out of control and crashed into a utility pole just past the Pik-N-Chicken restaurant. power was cut to hundreds of homes in the area and GPU crews worked late into the day to restore power.

School Bus Accident

A school bus accident sent 14 area 6pm 2/29/00 1:15 school students and the bus driver to a local hospital. The bus was travelling on Route 22, from Blairsville to the Greater Altoona Career and Technology Center, when it was hit by a jeep that hit a patch of black ice. The jeep crossed the center lane and hit the bus. The driver of the jeep was flown by helicopter to another area hospital.

Bad Accident

Sixteen people were hurt when six vehicles 5pm 2/14/00 1:10 piled up on an icy bridge in Bedford County. Four children from one family are in intensive care at Bedford hospital. The kids were travelling in a van that skidded sideways across a bridge and slammed into a pick-up truck.

Fuel Prices

Wild fluctuations in the price of gas and 5pm 2/11/00 1:20 diesel fuel continue. Now truckers are planning to band together to do something about it. The independent operators are angry and frustrated. Most of them are considering parking their rigs. It also

appears gasoline prices will continue to rise. As a service to the viewers, WJAC-TV will regularly tell people where the lowest gas prices are to be found. Viewers are encouraged to let the station know by phone or via email.

I-99 Inspires Lawsuit A plan to complete I-99 through Blair and 5pm 2/2/00 1:25 Centre Counties is now the subject of a Federal lawsuit filed in Harrisburg. Various environmental groups joined with hunting groups to oppose the route of the highway above the ridges of Blair and Centre Counties. PennDot says the project is already underway and that the suit is simply a delay tactic that will cost the taxpayers money.

PA Turnpike Makes Money The PA Turnpike Commission has begun 6pm 2/1/00 1:10 a new advertising campaign to promote safe driving. The campaign involves placing stickers above the ticket slots at toll booths. each sticker includes an advertiser's name and a short highway safety message.

Train Derailment C-S-X rail officials were in Western MD 5pm 1/31/00 1:10 looking for the cause of deadly train derailment. The accident killed a 15-year-old boy. The boy was reportedly asleep on his couch at home when the coal train derailed just feet away from his house. So far, investigators have determined the train was doing twice the suggested speed for the stretch of track.

Snow Preps

PennDot crews were busy today getting 6pm 1/28/00 1:20 ready for a possible heavy snow storm this weekend. About 90 PennDot employees will be on standby this weekend.

Truckers Stuck in Park The rising prices of diesel fuel is forcing 6pm 1/27/00 1:10 some PA truck drivers to call it quits. they say the skyrocketing prices of fuel is pushing them out of business.

Fuel Prices

Oil prices are on the rise and it will soon 6pm 1/24/00 1:00 Hit everyone in the wallet. Prices are also Forcing some airline companies to

Raise prices.

Bedford Residents Battle Garbage Trucks

Residents who live near the Peggy Westover curve on Route 56 say they're sick and tired of leaky garbage trucks. An effort is being led to have the state take action against the leaky trucks.

New

Computer I-80 Travel

Safer

An upgrade of the PennDot computer

weather station in Centre County will Aims to make make it easier for State Police to monitor road conditions on I-80. The new system will allow State Police to foresee when sections of the road are subject to freezing

over. Troopers can then call out salt trucks.

Crime

Drug Bust

An extensive effort by State Police results 6pm 3/30/00 1:30 in a major drug bust in Bedford County. Vice units conducted bus searches over a twoday period in Breezewood resulting in

1/12/00 1:10

multiple arrests.

Back to Court An Ebensburg man, charged with murder, 6pm 3/28/00 1:00 is headed by to court today. Ryan Mathieson is charged with killing Michael Kozlovac, whose body was found last year after a three month search. Mathieson has been free on bail since December last year.

Elderly Couple An elderly Cambria County couple says 5pm 3/21/00 1::15 they were terrorized by thieves who broke

Terrorized by Robbers

into their home earlier this year. At a hearing today, the couple says two robbers broke into their home and then threatened to kill

them with a handgun.

Blair County Robbery

A convenience store in Blair County is 6pm 3/17/00 1:10

once again the target of thieves. Police say the UniMart on Valley View Blvd. was robbed shortly after two this morning. This is the same UniMart that was robbed in the early morning hours of February 28.

Police Patrols

With St. Patrick's Day on a Friday, it's a 6pm 3/17/00 1:20

busy day for bartenders and police. In

State College, St. Patrick's Day is similar to a Penn State football weekend. Police are concerned about the potential for greater numbers of underage drinkers hanging out in bars. Police tell us they will have added patrols on the roads tonight.

Arsonist

A Cambria County woman confesses to 5pm 3/15/00 1:45 setting her own home on fire. She says she just wants to get on with her life. It turns out she will probably be charged with several counts of arson...since she set fire to her house in January...with her husband inside.

Parents Head To Trial Two parents charged with raising their 6pm 3/15/00 1:20 kids in unsanitary conditions are heading to trial. Police say the house the couple lived in with their three young children was filled with the smell of urine, rotting food and dirty clothes and dishes.

Dog Shot

Criminal charges may be filed against 6pm 3/14/00 1:15 the owner of a pit bull that attacked another dog overnight. According to police a pit bull and another dog had gotten loose and were attacking another dog that was tied up outside a home. The pit bull had to be shot to save the other dog.

Convicted Killer A possible eyewitness to a 1994 murder 5pm 3/9/00 1:10 could hold the key to a convicted killer's freedom. The killing was part of a robbery gone bad and the man convicted claims the action was in self-defense. The man who has come forward claiming there is another story fled the scene before the trial.

Brazen Bank Heist in Blair County A brazen bank robber hit a bank in 5pm 3/6/00 1:00 Altoona in broad daylight. Police say he did not display a gun and escaped on foot with an undetermined amount of cash.

Pharmacist Robbed at Gunpoint A suburban Johnstown pharmacist 6pm 3/6/00 1:00 was robbed and then helped catch the thief until police arrived. The pharmacist followed the robber out the door and

cornered him until police arrived.

Man Assaults Child

A Bedford County man faces assault 5pm 3/6/00 :45 charges after police say he shot a ten year-old with a BB gun. The boy was shot three times as the two walked along a creek. The boy was not seriously injured.

Two Brothers On Trial

Two Johnstown brothers are head to 6pm 2/29/00 1:10 trial. Police say they caught the teenage burglars after following their tracks in the snow. Police say they came upon mysterious tracks while on patrol.

Drug Bust

Thousands of dollars worth of crack 5pm 2/25/00 1:05 cocaine and marijuana are now off the streets across Cambria County. A police task force stopped a handful of dealers who bring the drugs in from out of state. The drug battle is still going on but agents say they've won the latest war.

Suspect Dies

A police chase ended up killing a 50- 6pm 2/24/00 :45 year-old Johnstown man. Officers tracked him down through the woods, and apparently, this gave him a heart attack. It started when the man reportedly stole merchandise from a local grocery and employees chased the man from the store. Police then joined the pursuit.

Motel Robbery A man is headed to trial charged with 5pm 2/24/00 :30 robbing a downtown motel. Police say the man walked into the motel and demanded money and got away with a bank deposit bag filled with cash. The man was later stopped in his car, because police say he matched the description of the robber.

Rape Trial

A Johnstown man accused of raping his ex- 5pm 2/23/00 1:00 girlfriend's daughter is going to trial. Police say the 23-year-old man raped a 14-year-old girl on a couch in her home as she slept. He's charged with statutory sexual assault an indecent assault.

Assault

A man accused of beating his teenage 6pm 2/23/00 1:15

daughter while she prayed also heads to trail. The girl told police her father came home drunk and accused her of doing something wrong. She says she began to pray because she knew her father was going to hit her.

Attempted Kidnapping An Altoona woman faces kidnapping charges, 5pm 2/21/00 1:00

Police say she tried to kidnap a baby when she lured another woman and an infant to her home. The Altoona woman produced gun and began to beat the other woman.

Embezzlement A woman arraigned on charges of ripping 6pm 2/15/00 1:00

Charges Against Woman

off the St. College school district for more than \$30K. Police say she signed her boss' name to purchase orders and billed the school district for overtime that wasn't

authorized.

Death Investigation It's a new start for those caught in the 5pm 2/11/00 1:05 dangerous trap of drug addiction. For the first time, a drug and alcohol rehab center in Johnstown opened its doors. The founders of Peniel Treatment Center say they want the community to know what they're doing.

Bar Brawl

A fight at a Bedford County bar could land 6pm 2/8/00 1:15 a high ranking county law official behind bars. Police say the DA and three other men were involved in an early morning scuffle. The DA said the men made comments about his wife and he followed them to the parking lot where the words continued and a scuffle ensued.

Shots Fired

Gunshots rocked a tiny Blair County town. 5pm 2/8/00 1:00 Police say two shots were fired from across a street by an unidentified person. One of the bullets entered a living room of a young woman who was home at the time.

Family Robbed A Blair County family was robbed at gunpoint 6pm 2/1/00 1:00

when an armed man wearing a ski mask forced At Gunpoint His way into their home. Police say the man Escaped with a small amount of cash. None of

The three family members was hurt.

Abuse Protection A woman who asked for protection against 5pm 1/31/00 1:155 abuse did not get her request granted right away. This is the same woman who found a Johnstown Cop, who overdosed.

Teen Beaten

South Fork police say an argument over a "hat" 6pm 1/31/00:45 landed a Cambria County mother in trouble with the law, and sends her teenage son to the hospital. Officers say the woman attacked her son because he wouldn't take his hat off inside their home. Police say she repeatedly hit her son and knocked him to the ground.

Armed Robbery A Huntingdon store clerk was assaulted during 5pm 1/27/00:45 a late night robbery, and three men are now accused of stealing more than 20 guns. Reportedly, two men rushed in, waved a pistol, tied up the clerk and then took off with the guns.

Drug Bust

A UPJ student will head to trial charged with 5pm 1/26/00 1:00 possession and selling marijuana. The boy was caught in the efforts of the Cambria County Drug Task Force.

Police Chief

A suburban Johnstown police chief is accused 6pm 1/25/00 1:00 of stealing nearly \$10K from the borough where he worked. Police say the chief turned himself in and claimed he filed overtime receipts for work not performed.

Murder Plot

A Johnstown woman is heading to jail for 5pm 1/24/00 1:30 Convincing her 15-year-old lover to kill the father of her two children. The boy agreed to prosecution demands to incriminate the woman, thus reducing the possible sentence against himself.

Three Dead

State Police in Punxsutawney continue to 6pm 1/24/00 1:15 investigate what looks like a murder-suicide. They say it happened early this morning at a home in Bell Township. A man walked into the home of his estranged girlfriend. He killed her and another man before turning the gun on himself.

Self Defense

A Centre County woman, charged with 5pm 1/21/00 1:10 killing her husband a year ago, says it was self-defense. At a court appearance today, the woman's attorneys asked her

confession to police be thrown out.

Stolen Guns

Police have arrested two Altoona men 6pm 1/18/00 1:05 in connection with a robbery. The men are the ones who reportedly stole 15 guns in a January 3 burglary. The two are suspected of several other

robberies in the area.

Armed Robbery Police in suburban Johnstown are 5pm 1/17/00 1:15 trying to piece together details of a frightening robbery of a couple in their home. Two Ohio men are being charged with unlawful entry, robbery and other matters. The couple was not harmed.

Education/ Kids

PSU Students A group of Penn State students met 6pm 3/23/00 1:20 Fight Sweat

Shops

administrators at the main campus to fight against sweat shops that may be used to manufacture Penn State athletic clothing. The groups says it wants assurances from all vendors licensed to make Penn State clothing that workers are not underage and that they are given a "fair" wage.

Fire Threat

After a deadly fire killed three students 6pm 3/21/00 1:10 in St. College at a fraternity house in PA over the weekend, fire officials in St. College say they are constantly concerned about fire dangers on campus. They say several frat houses failed inspections at the start of the school have since corrected problems.

6pm 3/21/00 1:10

Charter Schools Get "A+"

A new report on charter schools in PA says the schools are doing a. better job educating students than traditional public schools. The report, required by state law, says currently operating charter schools give better individual attention to students. Three charter schools are currently operating in St. College.

Controversial School officials in the Forest Hills 5pm 3/14/00 1:15

Topic

district are looking at a controversial paper that a group of 10th graders were told to study. The material was, in the words of parents, inappropriate because it dealt with graphic details of a circumcision and the rite of sex in the Maasai tribe.

Read Across America

Students at Boswell Elementary School 6pm 3/2/00 1:10 took part in the National Education Assn's Read Across America today. They're celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday a little differently this year with a game called who wants to be a Suessonaire?

Concern

Local school administrations and staffs 5pm 2/29/00 1:22

Over Killing expressed horror over yet another school shooting. This time a Flint, MI 1st grader killed a fellow student with a hand gun. The youth took the gun to school to scare classmates. He acquired the gun from the apartment complex where he lived. Local folks expressed concern over when this violence will stop.

Close Call

A dramatic rescue this morning, as 6pm 2/14/00 1:10 firefighters pulled two children out of a burning house and on to safe grounds. Flames were first spotted shortly after eight o'clock at this Millheim home.

Taking Care

It's an ongoing dilemma for parents. 5pm 2/14/00 1:10 Of Sick Kids How do you tell when your kids are too sick for daycare or school? One doctor provides a rule of thumb...kids with a cold can usually make it to school. However, if the child has a fever, keep them home.

Mailman Rally

Students and others at Penn State rallied in support of the University Park campus post office. The U.S. Postal Service is trying to clean up 5pm 2/4/00 1:10

the place and students like the current shady condition. They say it gives the place atmosphere.

Frat Boys in Hot Water

A fraternity prank has landed two PSU 6pm 2/1/00 1:35 students in hot water. The two were Charged with criminal mischief when They stole two sheep from a local farm And hauled them to the frat house.

Child

A Cambria County psychologist may 5pm 1/25/00 1:10 lose his license to practice after being Convicted on child pornography charges.

Parental Concern

Pornography

Some rural educators and parents 6pm 1/12/00 1:15 believe the state's farm education program is in a slump. They charge nothing has been done since 1995 to upgrade agricultural education programs requiring farm ed courses in each school district.

Community 1 Pride/Quality of Life/Social Concerns

Nude Dances Some local governmental officials are 6pm 3/30/00 1:10 happy with the U.S. Supreme Court

ruling today on local municipalities rights to have a say in how sexually-oriented businesses are run. There are two strip clubs in Altoona. Both are banned from nude dancing and are required to be at least 1000 feet from schools, churches and playgrounds.

Bartender Pleas A Cambria County bartender takes a 6pm 3/28/00 1:10 plea...after an underage drinker she served is killed by a passing train.

She is participating in community

service, part of which is to talk with area school students about the dangers

of underage drinking.

Fame

The Slinky's walked its way into the 5pm 3/23/00:45 National Toy Hall of Fame. A Hall of Fame committee voted the toy into the hall where it will be inducted later this year. Of course, the toy, created by

accident, was the brainchild of an Altoona engineer.

Waterfowl Run Afoul

Ducks are causing traffic problems in 6pm 3/22/00 1:15

Lakemont Park. Neighbors say the.

Around

ducks are routinely trying to cross heavily traveled roads in their search for food. As commercial development has increased so have the feathered creatures chances of being the victims of on-coming traffic.

Police Scrutiny The Johnstown Police Department is 6pm 3/22/00 1:20 again in the spotlight. City Council has approved a contract with an outside

consulting firm to review practices and policies of the department. There are

ongoing charges it is grossly mismanaged.

St. Patrick's Day

The area has become green with the 6pm 3/17/00 1:00

holiday and festivities are planned throughout the day and evening to enjoy Irish heritage. There was a mass this morning and a grand feast is

set for tonight.

Paterno Image

Penn State football coach Joe Paterno 5pm 3/9/00 1:10

is among those calling for stiffer state regulations on how a person's name can be used, especially after they die. He is endorsing legislation that requires consent from a person or their estate before their image can be used for commercial purposes.

Skunk Invasion The city of Dubois is looking for relief. 6pm 3/7/00 1:35

The city is being invaded by skunks and residents want someone to rid the area of the pesky stinky animals. A contractor has been acquired to get rid of the stink.

First Phil. Now Meet Another weather prognosticator has 6pm 3/7/00 1:00

arrived to compete with Punxsutawney Phil. John London, of Big Run, claims Frog Man his singer peeper frogs herald the

true beginning of spring. London says he's been monitoring the peepers since 1972. He says when they sing when spring has finally sprung.

Gun Safety

Today there is a community-wide plea 6pm 3/2/00 1:20 For everyone to get involved in gun Safety and education. A community Task force is selling gunlocks at the Galleria.

Emergency Rescue

Emergency workers scrambled to 5pm 2/23/00 1:40 rescue a woman who fell nearly 40 feet down a rock cliff. She was found and transported by helicopter to an area hospital, where she is reported to still be unconscious.

New Theatre The movies are again coming to the 6pm 2/22/00 1:10 downtown area. A \$6 million multiplex theatre system will come to the downtown in an attempt to add diversified entertainment to the city. Construction will begin soon.

Bicentennial Planning

People in Johnstown are getting ready 5pm 2/3/00 1:15 to celebrate the city's bicentennial birthday. Many activities are planned around four major events. Beginning with the Memorial Day weekend, running through July 4, Labor Day and culminating with a big birthday bash on Nov. 3, the actual day of the city's founding.

Meals on Wheels

The highly successful program Meals on 5pm 1/19/00 1:00 Wheels is falling on hard times. More volunteers are needed to help deliver meals to are shut-ins. The program will be drastically curtailed or eliminated if not enough volunteers are found.

Heritage Kitchen

12:30pm 3/8/00 30 min A locally-produced program celebrates the ethnic diversity in the region, as exemplified in the cuisine of the various locales. Hosted by popular local host Mary Ann Jacobs

this edition of Heritage Kitchen again dealt with special cuisine and receipts were made available to the viewers over the air and also on the station's website.

Kids You

Feature reports in an early 5a & 5p 1/7,14,21,28; 2/4, 11,18,25;3/3,10 1:30 ea. Should Know morning and evening newscasts on Fridays. They are produced 17,24,31 to look at kids who provide inspiration to those around them. Those featured are not necessarily the best athletes, valedictorians or most popular.